

dark night of weeping. It is sweeter then, just as the rest of heaven will be sweeter after the night of life.

We can bear the waves of affliction and sorrow better if we know that they will pass away and leave a spell of sunlight upon the storm-tossed soul. We can endure the scourging hand for a season with a contented spirit if we are sure that the breath of bright angels will fall upon our hot, flushed faces, and that we may rest in the white arms of some holy, tender Presence after the cruel blows cease.

Hasten, then, fair, bright, sun-crowned morning! We long for a glimpse of the "red and gold" flushing the eastern sky. Come swiftly upon the tide of time, O precious day of eternal rest!

#### Lift Up Your Eyes

Bishop Huntington.

The upper world is no farther off than it was of old, when its splendors shone on the heads of patriarchs and apostles, and on the hills of Judea whence their help came. Heaven does not hide itself; it is we that hide it. Its gates are never shut, day or night, and they open into your houses, your workshops, your streets, your schools, your closets, your congregations. Strong and steadfast, cheerful and contented, no matter how hard-worked, are they who are mindful of its nearness, sure of its reality, conscious of its helping and inspiring "power." Among all the popular liberalities of the day, why should we not be more liberal and abundant in faith? Whatever our private failures, in courage, temper, charity, the good and perfect gift of pardon comes down to every soul that seeks it. Lift up your eyes! Whatever the tokens of public welfare, liberty, safety, plenty, or power displayed around us—not unto us, not unto us, but unto the "Name that is above every name," give glory!

#### Answered

J. R. Miller.

"Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." In the face of a promise like that, dare we say that any prayer of ours is unanswered? We may not hear or understand the answer at once—we may even have to be prepared to receive it; but no earnest prayer ever went from a glad or sorrowful or anxious heart on earth without reaching the great heart of love in heaven, and receiving instant answer.

So we have the right to take the courage and gladness—to say to ourself: "The answer is on its way to me. I do not know when it will come, but I know that it is coming; I do not know what it will be, but I know that it holds the will of the Father to his child. I know more—that it will not be too late. I will trust and not be afraid." It puts a wonderful confidence into one's life to hold a promise surely, unfalteringly.

If we would be favored with heavenly blessing and joy we should be faithful to our allotted duty.

#### Soul-Growth

Above all things keep this in mind; that God desires that our soul-life grow. It is not for gifts that He seeks. He owns the world. Not worship that He desires. He gave us His Son not for these things, but that we might be conformed to the image of Jesus. God is not glorified by temples or tabernacles or denominations or great speeches, or anything of the kind; He is glorified in the growth of men and women toward him. The most acceptable temple one can build for God is the temple of the heart. These outer things, these seen things, these temporal things, are good in the sight of the Lord when they bespeak the life within, when they tell of the longing of the soul after the unseen things which are eternal. Upon these the foundation is laid—out of these must every good thing grow.—*Biblical Recorder.*

### The Mission Field

#### Washington City Echoes

Tho somewhat isolated from the main body of the Washington church, yet I have my membership with them, have the honor of being one of the charter members of that little body of untiring and zealous followers of our dear Master, and on last Monday evening, Dec. 11, we came together to partake of the sacred emblems and from the expressions given by the participants after the services it had truly been a feast of love to all. Their spiritual strength had been renewed and they felt the better able to fight the battles of our Saviour.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh officiated and gave us much encouragement to continue in that most holy faith that was once delivered unto the saints. Brother Lyon also gave words of cheer and comfort, he was suffering with hoarseness so was not able to do much speaking. Brother Parsons, of Johnstown, Pa., was with us. About thirty members enjoyed the meeting as communicants at the Lord's table. Some were not able to be present. How much we are in need of a church building can only be realized and fully appreciated by those who visit us. Thru the kindness of our Baptist friends we were permitted to hold communion services in the basement of their church, "not an upper room," we are not going to give up in despair, for we believe if we continue asking in faith believing we shall receive, so some day we may worship God in our own little church, in His own way, and none "dare hinder or make us afraid," God speed that day.

Living out in a suburban town several miles from the city we do not have opportunity to meet with those of like precious faith as often as we should like to, therefore are not able to give much church news.

We enjoy reading the good news in the EVANGELIST, and think it should find an important place in the heart and home of every member. Sister Detwiler is doing a noble

work. Here's my hand Vinna, may the Lord bless your every effort.

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#### No Difference

Religious Telescope.

The story is told of a Chinese preacher who received twenty-two dollars a month, and refused the position of consul at fifty dollars in order that he might remain and preach the gospel to his countrymen. When his people knew his choice they said, "There is no difference between him and the Book." A similar tribute was given to Adoniram Judson, the great missionary, of whom the natives of India said, as he passed along, "There goes Jesus Christ's man." The attractive power of the Christian church will be increased mightily when it can be said by the outside world. "There is no difference between Christians and the Book." This is the secret of the strength of the church of Christ. How long it takes men to learn this lesson.

#### Notes from Zed H. Copp

The nightly meetings for revival which began Tuesday night Nov. 7, with brother Louis Bauman of Roann, Ind., assisting, closed Sunday night, 17th, with brother John M. Bowman of Miamisburg, O., helping in the good work. Within that time there were just even fifty applications for church membership, and two more since, with many more almost over the line. *Praise God* from whom all blessings flow."

Brother Bauman was with us just three weeks, and preached effectually. When he left us there were thirty-two applications. While he came to a mission church "for expenses only," the congregation presented him with twenty dollars when he departed. May our heavenly Father richly bless him in all good for time and eternity.

Brother Bowman labored with us and for us eight days, preaching the Word with power. There were fourteen applications. As an all-around evangelist we can and do heartily recommend brother John M. Bowman of Miamisburg, Ohio, to the pastors of the Brethren churches. His work is on the Rock. He is not a meddler, but seeks to have pastor and people in closer union, and all to the glory of God. God is making him a blessing.

A representative of one of the denominations came to Mrs. Copp and said, "Tell us. What is the secret of your success?" All of the West side has been mightily stirred, and on several occasions at baptism we thought of John's "and there went out unto him all Judea and they of Jerusalem" because of the great crowds. But the secret. Some one of the EVANGELIST readers may want to know what did it. The answer is brief,—the Lord Jesus. Like Joshua we first met the Captain and got his plans. Then we worked them and he did the rest. The plan was tract distribution from house to house, fasting and prayer by the church, personal work, preaching the Word, and hunting the wounded in spirit into their homes. Some of those who were added were not to the